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Lt. Governor To Lead Taiwan-Vietnam Agricultural Trade Mission

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and Indiana Agriculture Director Andy Miller will lead a delegation of Indiana agricultural and agribusiness leaders to Taiwan and Vietnam the first week of October. The goal for the weeklong trade mission is to create new business opportunities for Indiana's food and agricultural industry and generate economic growth for the state.

"Indiana has hosted two Taiwanese delegations of food and agricultural leaders in just the last year. We are returning to that country to pursue leads from those visits and the Governor's trade mission," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "We have much to learn about food and agricultural production as well as market opportunities in Vietnam. I am confident that our visit to this emerging market will yield many future benefits."

"From our previous agricultural trade missions, we have seen the greatest interest in Indiana's hardwood, pork, soybean and corn sectors," said Indiana Agriculture director Andy Miller. He and Deputy Director Beth Bechdol will help lead and coordinate the mission. "We also see opportunities for many diversified and value-added products. Our delegation will focus on these key areas."

The Taiwan-Vietnam Agricultural Trade Mission delegation is still being formed and will comprise a wide range of food and agricultural companies. The delegation will depart Indianapolis on September 30, spending three days in Taiwan and two days in Vietnam. The objective of the mission is to connect delegates with specific business counterparts in each country, such as retailers, wholesalers, restaurant chains and other importers. The delegation also will receive briefings by U.S. embassy staff in each country, and some government and policy meetings will be held.

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